



VISION: Eau Claire is a vibrant city with exceptional quality of life and services.

MISSION STATEMENT: It is our mission to assure the common good through services essential for a safe, sustainable, engaged and healthy community.

City Manager/Elections

**Smile Please – Photo ID Now Required.
Bring It to the Ballot**

Most Wisconsin voters will need to show an acceptable photo ID to vote. **It's the law.** The next scheduled primary, if needed, will be February 16, 2016. There will be the Presidential Preference Primary and the Spring Election on April 5, 2016.

There is no special "Voter ID" card. You likely already have a form of Photo ID that can be used to vote.

If you are a registered voter, you will need to show one of the following to receive a ballot:

- ✓ A Wisconsin DOT-issued driver's license, even if driving privileges are revoked or suspended
- ✓ A Wisconsin DOT-issued identification card
- ✓ A Military ID card issued by the U.S. Uniformed Services, or
- ✓ A U.S. passport book or card



The following photo IDs are also acceptable for voting purposes:

- ✓ A certification of naturalization (that has been issued no earlier than two years before the date of the election)
- ✓ An identification card issued by a federally-recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin
- ✓ A driver's license receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days from the date issued)
- ✓ An identification card receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days from the date issued)
- ✓ A photo identification card issued by a Wisconsin-accredited university, college, or technical college that contains the following: date the card was issued, signature of student and expiration date no later than two years after date of issuance. The university or college ID must be accompanied by a separate document that proves enrollment, such as a tuition fee receipt, enrollment verification letter, or class schedule.

An acceptable Photo ID for voting does not have to include a current address.

If you are eligible to vote but do not have a Wisconsin driver's license or ID card, you may obtain a free ID for purposes of voting from the DMV. It is recommended that you apply for the ID as soon as possible. Do not wait until right before the election. You will not receive the ID immediately; it will be sent to you in the mail. Contact the Department of Motor Vehicles service center for more information on obtaining a free ID for voting. Phone: 608-264-7447 Online: <http://wisconsindot.gov>.

More questions? Contact the City Elections Office at 715-839-4913 or the City Clerk's Office at 715-839-4912.

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City Attorney

City Litigation Update

Voters with Facts, et al. v. City of Eau Claire. A hearing was held before Judge Lenz on July 16 to consider the City's Motion to Dismiss regarding the lawsuit challenging the 3rd Amendment to TID 8 and the creation of TID 10 brought by Voters with Facts and other opponents of the Confluence Project. The City filed a Motion to Dismiss that focused on whether the Plaintiffs could even bring these issues before the Court. The Judge heard oral arguments on the motion, and the parties will hear his oral decision on August 17.

Thank you from the League of Wisconsin Municipalities. Doug Hoffer recently made the presentation "Navigating Constitutional Issues in Municipal Enforcement Actions" at the League's 2015 Municipal Attorney's Institute in Delavan, Wisconsin. The League appreciated Doug's willingness to share his knowledge and experience with other municipal attorneys, making his contribution to the conference a success!

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Community Development

Downtown Eau Claire, Inc. Events



Eau Claire's
SUMMER FEST
Downtown Eau Claire, Inc.

Strongman Showdown
11am - 4 pm
S. Barstow & Main St.

Saturday August 1, 2015
11 am - 4 pm
S. Barstow Street

New this year! Yoga on the Bridge
11am - 12 pm
Grand Ave Bridge

Classic Car Exhibition
11 am - 3 pm
S. Barstow St.

Family Night in the Park
6 pm - 11 pm
Phoenix Park

11 am - 4 pm Pony rides, petting zoo, food, vendors, music, & entertainment - S. Barstow St.
11am - 12pm Yoga on the Bridge - Grand Avenue Bridge
11am - 4pm Summer Fest Strongman Showdown
11 am - 3 pm Burger King Classic Car Exhibition - S. Barstow St.
6 pm - 11 pm Family Night in the Park - Phoenix Park
Big Hero 6 starts at dark (approx. 8:30 pm)!

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TRACTOR CENTRAL
DOWNTOWN EAU CLAIRE



Summer Fest Strongman Showdown

Saturday, Aug. 1, 2015 from 11 am to 4 pm
Find us on S. Barstow St. Downtown during Eau Claire's SUMMER FEST!

Presented by:
3D & festival
FITNESS foods

Contest Events

- Festival Giant Cart Pull
- Yoke Farmers Medley
- Overhead Medley
- Stone Loading Race
- Deadlift Medley

Men's AND Women's Divisions!

Eau Claire's
SUMMER FEST
Downtown Eau Claire, Inc.

USS Sanctioned Gold Level Contest - Top 3 Placings Qualify for Nationals

Eau Claire Sports Commission
3D FITNESS
festival foods
ROYAL CREDIT UNION
DOWNTOWN EAU CLAIRE

Superior Green Painting
THE PLAZA HOTEL & SUITES
Kwik Trip
Kinetico water systems
ROADS TOWING








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A Grand Evening ON THE BRIDGE



Enjoy a unique community experience!
Join us for appetizers, a 3-course sit-down dinner, wine, and live entertainment on the Grand Avenue Bridge.
This was a sell-out last year!

Wednesday, August 26th, 2015
Time 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Tickets available beginning August 3rd




Project Updates



Plans are moving forward at the former Huebsch services property. The Eau Claire Waterways and Parks Commission unanimously approved plans for developers to remodel the long-empty building. The plans from Cigan Properties call for the property to include a restaurant, bar, and banquet center. There would also be a deck overlooking the Eau Claire River, with apartments above.

Contractors are working on the reconstruction of the final stretch of S. Barstow Street, along with Eau Claire Street. The project replaces utilities and street pavement. Crews will also put in a new sidewalk with additional street amenities, including decorative lighting, benches, trash receptacles, and paver bricks. The road will be open to traffic in mid-September with work continuing through October.



Fire & Rescue

Proposed Fire Station

Information on a proposed new Fire Station 10 was presented to City Council members on Monday, July 20, as part of the 2016 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) discussions. A committee comprised of Fire Department management, the City's Finance Director, representatives from the firefighters' labor group, and Five Bugles Design presented its research on the replacement/relocation of the 60-year-old Fire Station 10.



Discussion focused on a concept raised over 23 years ago concerning the potential combination of Fire Station 8 (3500 Starr Avenue) and Fire Station 10 (559 N. Hastings Way). The committee felt that, in order to move forward with the construction of a new fire station, Council members needed to hear information about a six- or a five-station footprint.

Possible locations and impacts on response times for both footprints were discussed. Utilizing GIS mapping systems and actual response time data, it was determined that response times meet the 4-minute threshold in the majority of situations within the current six-station footprint. In examining the five-station footprint, average response times notably increased for this particular area of the city.

The committee recommended to City Council that the Fire Department retain six fire stations and that a new Fire Station 10 should be located close to its existing location or slightly east. City Council did not provide specific direction at the conclusion of the meeting, and this topic will be discussed further in CIP work sessions in the near future.

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Health

WIC HELPS KEEP FAMILIES HEALTHY OVER THE SUMMER AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!

The Eau Claire County WIC Nutrition Program (Women, Infants and Children) provides nutrition education and healthy foods to assist families with healthy eating lifestyles.

In the 2015 Community Health Assessment, healthy nutrition was rated as one of the top five areas of focus for our community. Many community members felt that "Some people can't afford enough food or healthy food is too expensive," and "Not everyone knows how to eat healthy or has the skills to prepare healthy food." WIC helps families to work to overcome both of these challenges to eating healthy.



Many working families qualify for the program. Eau Claire County residents who are pregnant and/or have children under the age of five may qualify to receive

- Time with a WIC nutritionist who will talk about nutrition with the family;
- Help in monitoring healthy growth and development of pregnant women and children;
- Support for breastfeeding; and
- Assistance to buy healthy foods such as milk, fruit juice, peanut butter, fruits, vegetables, cereal, whole grains, eggs, baby foods and some infant formulas, if needed.

The most common way that participants of WIC hear about the program is from a family member or friend. Please share information about WIC with anyone you know who may qualify. If you would like to learn more, or have questions regarding the WIC program, call our friendly staff at 715-839-5051 or visit us online at www.eauclairewi.gov/wic.

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Library



Summer Library Programs Winding Down

Another year of summer reading, entertaining programs, and prizes is winding down at the library.

- Kids ages birth through school age can cash in reading minutes on Saturday, August 8, and earn \$5 extra book bucks.
- The teen prize auction will be on Monday, August 10. Registration starts at 2:15 p.m. and bidding starts at 3 p.m.
- Adults have until August 15 to turn in their reading cards.



Wanted: Crafty Teens

The final summer Pinterfest program for teens will be held Saturday, August 8, from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. in the Youth Services program room. Teens will use multiple layered transparencies and dry erase markers to create classy posters featuring their favorite superheroes.

Read Off Your Fines!

School-age children can reduce their library card fine by reading! Each 15 minutes of reading takes \$1 off your fine. Check with Youth Services for dates and details!

Library Makes Crafting Easier

The library has a die cut machine and a collection of over 400 die cuts for public use! The die cut machine will help you make eye-catching displays, craft projects, or educational projects in seconds. You may use the die cut machine any time the library is open. Please bring your own paper to cut. For more information, to see the die cuts we own, or to print out a request form you can bring with you to the library, please see the library [website](#). Not sure what you want to create? See what the [Die Cut Diva](#) is working on.

For information about library services, programs and events, visit the library online at www.ecpubliclibrary.info, stop at Information & Reference on your next visit to the library, e-mail the library at librarian@eauclaire.lib.wi.us, or call 715-839-5004.

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Parks, Recreation & Forestry

Registration for Run, Row, Ride Triathlon

Have you registered for the Eau Claire Parks and Recreation's [Run, Row, Ride Triathlon](#)? The August 8 event is a major fundraiser for the department's youth scholarship program. Participants can compete individually or as a relay in a 10-mile bike ride (helmets required), 3-mile run and 2-mile canoe or kayak (lifejackets required). Cost is \$25. Call 715-839-5032 for more information.

NFL Kick-Off Dollar Swim Day July 30

Show your team pride and score big savings at Fairfax Pool. Anyone wearing Green Bay Packer – or other NFL team – attire can enter Fairfax Pool for \$1 during its “NFL Kick-Off” Dollar Swim Day from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 30, at 4200 Fairfax Street.

For more information, contact Eau Claire Parks and Recreation at 715-839-1680.

Chalk It Up! July 31

In honor of downtown Eau Claire's annual Chalk Fest, children will be able to create chalk art of their own Friday, July 31, in Boyd Park. Times vary by age group:

- Ages 3-4 (with parent): 8:30 to 9:15 a.m.
- Ages 5-7: 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.
- Ages 7-9: 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.
- Ages 10-15: 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Cost is \$6 for Eau Claire Area School District residents; \$12 otherwise. Register online at www.eauclairewi.gov/reg.

Water Olympics Festivities August 6

Go for the gold with Fairfax Maxx and his poolside friends during Maxx's Splash Bash: Water Olympics from 1 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, August 6, at Fairfax Pool, 4200 Fairfax Street. Enjoy music, inflatable equipment and games with an Olympic theme. Pool admission is \$4 or free with a season pass. For more information, contact Eau Claire Parks and Recreation at 715-839-1680.

Fairfax Pool to be 'Frozen' Over August 10-14

Fairfax Pool is blending the seasons during “Frozen Week” August 10-14. Enjoy winter-themed activities and frozen festivities all week. Pool admission is \$4 or free with a season pass. For more information, contact Eau Claire Parks and Recreation at 715-839-1680.

Wild Wisconsin Explores Nature Photography, Wildlife Study

Connect with nature through photography and education. “Wild Wisconsin” is a two-day workshop for youth ages 8 to 12 where they'll focus on digital photography skills to shoot wildlife, while also learning from the book “Scouting for Whitetails.” Participants may choose between four sessions:

- 10 a.m.-noon, Monday and Wednesday, starting August 3
- 2-4 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, starting August 3
- 10 a.m.-noon, Tuesday and Thursday, starting August 4
- 2-4 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, starting August 4

All sessions are at Hobbs Ice Center, 915 Menomonie Street. Cost is \$18 for Eau Claire Area School District residents; \$51 otherwise. Register online at www.eauclairewi.gov/reg.



Police

New Officers Sworn In

On Monday, July 27, 2015, Officers Erl, Walden, Wollum and Chapin were sworn in as Eau Claire Police Officers. These officers will help our department continue our mission of enhancing the quality of life in Eau Claire by partnering with the community to solve problems, reduce crime and disorder, safeguard individual rights and improve public safety.



You know you've been hired by a great agency when you get in on a Chief "selfie" on your first day!

Pet Safety

Everyone loves being outside in summer – even pets. In addition to making sure our four-legged friends have ample food, water and shade, pet owners are reminded that pets must not leave their owner's property and that all dogs and cats must be kept on a leash no longer than eight feet when not on their owner's property.

Summer is also the time of year the number of animal bites rise, especially from dogs. To reduce your risk of being bitten, citizens (including children) are encouraged to ask for a pet owner's permission before attempting to pet a dog. The [American Kennel Club](#) and [Humane Society of the United States](#) have some excellent tips for preventing dog bites.

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City Council Meeting Summary – July 27 & 28, 2015

The City Council

- Reviewed the City's Special Events policies, procedures, park standards and related ordinances;
- Discussed possible revisions to the Seasonal Alternate Side Parking restrictions;
- Granted new bartender licenses and granted a temporary expansion of the licensed premise of Wigwam Tavern to include a fenced-in area for Wam-Fest 2015;
- Granted a Class A Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license to Walgreens on Clairemont Avenue;
- Granted a Secondhand Article Dealer license to Retro Distortions on Madison Street;
- Authorized special events, including the Greater West Central Area Labor Council Labor Day Picnic and the City of Eau Claire Clearwater Winter Parade and Celebration;
- Approved a bid for Jeffers Road Park improvements;
- Authorized the issuance of \$4,555,000 of General Obligation Corporate Promissory Notes, Series 2015A, and the issuance of \$11,960,000 General Obligation Corporate Promissory Notes, Series 2015B;
- Granted a temporary expansion of the Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage licensed premise of Grizzly's Wood-Fired Grill & Steaks for a Pig Roast event;
- Granted a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to Perpetual Benefit at the Eau Claire Indoor Sports Center for the First Impact W.A.K.O. USA Kickboxing event;
- Authorized Wagner's Lanes and Knights of Columbus to conduct the Chippewa Valley Slam Fest 5K;
- Authorized Downtown Eau Claire, Inc. to conduct A Grand Evening on the Bridge and granted a temporary license to Rotary International 6250 Club of Eau Claire for the 2nd Annual Grand Evening on the Bridge event;
- Authorized appropriation adjustments to the 2015 Program of Services for grants, donations, and budget adjustments;
- Amended the final plat for Thistledown Subdivision in the Town of Washington;
- Granted a permanent encroachment to The Lismore for structural footings and for sun shades;
- Approved appointments to the Administrative Review Board and the Transit Commission; and
- Approved the 2015 – 2018 Strategic Plan for the City.

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